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From the desk of Mr Postma

Well the day has arrived. This is my final Courier. It is indeed difficult to say "good bye."

I am thankful to the Lord for having watched over me all these years - as a student at CCS and as a teacher and principal. This day closes a chapter in my life and I do so with sadness. I will miss the students and staff, I will miss the parents and long time supporters of CCS. There were people who made a difference for me and I will miss their input and presence. I do take comfort in knowing that there will be opportunities for me to connect with CCS.

Thank you for your support.

Our school theme for this year was about following Jesus and fishing for people. We were placed on this earth to glorify God. Our sin stands in the way but Jesus is now the Way and we need to follow Him, and do things His way. That brings glory to God. Following Him means worshiping Him, it means learning from Him, having devotions, studying the Bible; it means committing ourselves to Him, obeying Him and living a godly life – be like Him. It is out of these exercises that we are equipped to fish for people. People will see that we are Christ-like. They will hear what we have to say about Jesus. God is being glorified. And so, my parting words to you are: do follow Jesus and go out to fish for people. That's our essential mission. Blessings to you all.

● We celebrated graduation with our grade 8 class. We wish our graduates God's blessing, His care and His guidance. We thank God for their gifts and skills, and pray that they will always use what God has given them in His service. We thank all the program participants at the banquet and at the ceremony for their contributions. We are grateful to the the volunteers who helped prepare and serve the banquet meal. A special thanks goes to Mr. Allan Buist for his graduation address, Oyin Aderibigbe for her valedictory address and Hannah Whetstone for her class historian presentation. We also thank Louis Andela (our guest organist) and the parent praise team for its wonderful leadership in song. Graduate pictures will be placed on the website in about a week.

● We are grateful that the grade 8 students had a wonderful and safe trip to Ottawa last week. We thank the chaperones and the teachers (Mr. Boonstra and Mrs. Wikkerink) for their efforts and time commitment to making this trip a success.

● We learned very recently that Helen Donker, the violin instructor, has decided to retire from her teaching practice. We certainly will miss her and her contributions at CCS. In the meantime, we have been searching for a replacement. I hope to have someone in place by next Wednesday. I suggest that if you are interested in obtaining violin lessons at school, that you check the website for the latest information. There will also be information in the August Courier.

Upcoming at CCS

First Day School 2017/2018

Tuesday, September 5

Save the Date!

Back to School Dessert Social

Friday, September 15

Edifide Teachers Convention (no school) October 26 and 27

Bazaar

Saturday, November 25

This is our last Courier. We pray that you and your loved ones will have a safe and enjoyable summer. May God be praised for looking after the staff, students and CCS families this past school year. As staff, we thank God for the opportunity to instruct your child(ren) about Him and His creation. May He bless all of us to His glory.

- We remind you that our website contains many forms. If you have misplaced one, you will likely find what you need on the website. Actually, it is a good practice to check our website from time to time in case there is a news bulletin.
- The August mailing will include class lists, 1st Courier, and various forms. The mailing should come your way sometime during the week of August 15. If there are issues or concerns, which we need to know about, do not hesitate to e-mail the school or leave a message on the answering machine. The office staff will check for messages throughout the summer.

Jubilee School: Special thanks to Mrs. Douwes, Mrs. Siebenga, Mrs. Langmann, Mrs. Veslasquez, Mrs. Geleynse and Mrs. Street for joining us at Jungle Jam and Zoom Zooms this week. And special thanks to all the parents who came to our cleaning party last night. The room is nice and clean for students next year! Have a relaxing, blessed summer enjoying family and God's creation. JH

Kindergarten: Thank you for all the thoughtful cards and gifts. It has been a blessing teaching your children this past year. Have a wonderful, restful summer! W²

Grade 1A: We were blessed with a fabulous day on Monday when we went to Pier 4 Park for our final class trip in grade one. We found lots of neat things in our colour-as-you-go scavenger hunt. One of the students commented, "Wow! God sure made a lot of interesting things in nature!" So true! My hope is that we will keep on discovering as we head into a summer break. May we marvel at God's handiwork. After a picnic lunch we had free play time. The children had so much fun climbing on the tugboat, swinging on swings, playing on different playground equipment, and getting wet in the splash pad. I enjoyed watching them have fun. We say thank you to Mrs. Paul, Mr. Josse, Mrs. Kemper, Mrs. van der Heiden, Mrs. Haveman, and Mrs. Ledin for coming along as helpers and enjoying the day with us. It was good to see a few more parents and a grandma come down to spend a bit of time with us as well. WW

Grade 1B: It has been a very enjoyable last week together. Monday was a beautiful day for our class trip to Pier 4. Thanks to Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Haanstra, Mrs. Proper, and Mrs. Reitsma for chaperoning our trip and to the other parents who joined us for lunch

and/or at the splash pad. Although we were disappointed to have to cancel our class trip to Caledonia on Thursday, we ended up having a great time at school playing in the rain, eating hot dogs, and spending time in our giant tent! Blessings to you all as summer officially begins. Enjoy a well deserved break from school. DH

Grade 2A: The grade 2 class had a wonderful trip to Bird Kingdom on Monday this week. There was such a variety of birds to see. In addition there was an exciting animal show that included a laughing kookaburra, flying sugar glider, and a talking parrot. Thank you to Mrs. Wagter and Mr. Wrench for joining us on this trip. We also enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Taekema and baby Ezra on Wednesday. We wish you a safe and restful summer. See you in the halls in September, 2A. JVV

Grade 2B: We did it, Grade 2! What an incredible year it's been. I want to say thank you to each of the parents for partnering with me in teaching your children over the past school year. We worked hard, learned a LOT, had many laughs, and made many wonderful memories! Thanks also to the many parent chaperones we had on class trips throughout the year. We couldn't have done it without you! Most recently, thanks to Mr. Vreugdenhil, Mrs. Boekee, Mrs. Demik, Mrs. T. Schinkel, Mrs. R. Schinkel, and Mrs. Mercer for coming with us on our trip to Bird Kingdom this past Monday! I wish God's blessings this summer. See you in September.. as Mrs. Vandenberg :) MB

Grade 3A: A big thank you to all the parents who were able to join us on our field trip to the Lion Safari. Thanks goes out to Mrs. Vreugdenhil, Mrs. DeJong, Mrs. Eggink, Mrs. Ghesquiere, Mrs. V. DeBoer, Mrs. M. DeBoer and our, EA, Mrs. Kooistra

for joining us. Also, thank you to Mrs. Beldman, our bus driver, for bringing us there safely and back. We enjoyed beautiful weather and were in awe of God's amazing creatures. What a mighty God we serve! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents for the lovely end-of-year gifts. Thank you for your support all year through emails, conversations, and prayer. I have loved teaching your children and have been blessed by their interest, enthusiasm, sense of humour, and unique, God-given gifts and abilities. We have shared many memories this year and I will miss them. I pray that you all will experience a safe and relaxing summer holiday. RVV

Grade 3B: It is difficult to write this last Courier announcement knowing that I will not be returning to CCS next year. While I am looking forward to retiring, I will miss CCS: the bright, shining faces of the students, the caring, supportive staff, and the amazing community of fellow believers who desire to raise their children in the fear of the Lord. I can only trust that the Lord will continue to bless me, each and every student and their families as we leave this school today, some who leave just for the summer and some more permanently. Mrs. Goodwin

Grade 3B students, you have worked hard this year, so enjoy your summer with your family and friends. Mrs. Eising

Primary and Junior French: One last thing to go home is our play booklet and puppets! Please encourage your child(ren) to read the play aloud to you, so you can be impressed with their vocabulary acquisition, pronunciation, and reading fluency! If your child would like to review over the summer, that is still possible via our AIM web portal. Please contact me for access at jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca. Bonnes vacances, tout le monde! Mme Van Eek



Grade 4A: On Tuesday we enjoyed hearing Justin P. and his dad share about their trip to Uganda during March Break. We saw videos of the work that Jinja

Connection does with street boys there. Thank you for the presentation!

I have had a great year with my grade four class. I will miss each one of you! I wish you all a fun and enjoyable summer. May God bless you all. JDJ

Grade 4B: It's been a memorable week with an awards assembly Monday, a Mexican fiesta Wednesday, and Pet Day on Thursday. Congratulations to Lauren on winning the Spelling Olympics! 4A avenged their fall soccer loss with a summer baseball win this week (13-10). It's been an enjoyable year and I wish all of my students and their families a safe and enjoyable summer. And to my students of 4B...be sure to stop by room 31 next year and say "Hello." TB

Grade 5: Wild Waterworks: On Tuesday both grade 5 classes had the opportunity to go to Wild Waterworks. Before going to Wild Waterworks the students went to Confederation Park and played an exciting game of capture the flag. At the water park the students enjoyed sliding down the different slides, swimming in the wave pool and enjoying a trip down the lazy river. Thank you so much to our volunteers, Mrs. Wiebenga, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Ott, Mrs. Schinkel, Mrs. Heeg, Mrs. Kloet DeVries, Mr. Vos, Mr. Neven, Mrs. VanDyk, Mr. Schat, and Mr. Brennan. We appreciate that you took time out of your schedules to join us on our trip.

Grade 5A: It has been a pleasure working with and getting to know this fantastic group of students over the past couple of months. You are a talented bunch with huge potential. I wish you a safe and refreshing summer and a great start to grade 6 in September. SVM

Grade 5B: What an exciting year the students have had! They began the year with Mrs. Winkel and were thrilled to welcome baby Asher into the world. Although they missed Mrs. Winkel, they quickly adapted to their new teacher, Miss Wyatt. Some highlights of this year are taking a trip to Whitehern and City Hall (including meeting Mayor Fred Eisenberger), building structures in science class,

field day, Wild Waterworks and so much more! We praise God for a safe and fun year. AW

Grade 6A: Grade Six had a wonderful trip to Bingemans park Wednesday. From the beautiful weather to the cold water, we witnessed many smiles and heard lots of laughter. Students had a great time exploring the indoor playground, high ropes, multiple water slides and the wave pool. We would like to thank our parent chaperones for supporting our trip and making it all possible, Mrs. Bakker, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. dos Santos, Mrs. Lerch, Mr. Ott, and Mr. Bruulsema and Mr. Ghesquiere. RD

Grade 6B: Well, it has been a great year with students from 6B. We have stretched ourselves in many areas, and done this together. God has truly blessed us this year. I want to thank you all for your hard work, and wish you God's blessings over the summer. Remember that on Monday you should work hard on cleaning out your back pack, Tuesday should be dedicated to cleaning your room, and on Wednesday, you should probably do that extra chore around the house as a small way of saying thanks to your parents for the extra things they have done for you this semester. JH

Grade 7A: We had a great year! Recently we had our grade 7 challenge day, competing for the grade 7 cup. Congratulations to the 7B class for working hard to claim the cup and for both classes for making some incredible games! We had a blast at circle square ranch on a hot but beautiful day. Thank you also to the parents who made this a great year. Whether through supervising on trips, helping to make food for our counties assignment, or helping with homework and projects at home, you have made this truly a great year. Now that exams are behind us, and summer is ahead of us, I pray that each student has an enjoyable and safe summer vacation. NW

Grade 7B: What a wonderful year we have had together 7B! An incredible journey of learning and growing together. Have a well-deserved summer break! CM/AvdW

Grade 8: Thanks for a great year grade 8! I enjoyed grad this past Tuesday and I am excited to read the book you gave to me. It will be cherished. Wishing you God's blessings as you move on to high school AB

Finance Office: During the first two weeks of summer, Mrs. VanderWier will be in the office in case you have to make some last minute payments for such things as Before & After School Care, Field Day Food orders, Missing Library books, gouda cheese etc. She will be back in the office on an as needed basis after July 24th, so feel free to call and set up a time to meet if you need to speak with her.

Prayer for the Week

"Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!"

Psalm 147:1

Father God,

We praise you! We praise you for another year of learning and service at Calvin Christian School. You have again proven to be faithful to us as a school community. We praise you for every single teacher and student at our school. Thank you for the good time and thank you for the challenging times - you have been faithful and constant throughout. We pray for an amazing and safe summer - bless us as we travel and explore the beauty of this world. Help us always to be mindful of you as our Creator and Redeemer. Bless staff and students who are moving on from Calvin - go with them and bless them. We think especially of the graduating class; continue to lead them in your ways.

We give you praise and thanks!

In the loving name of Jesus, Amen

Grad Pictures: Grad pictures are accessible at www.ccsHamilton.ca/grad2017 (they are also visible in the School Life menu).

A username and password to the website is required to see this album. There is a form to fill in to request pics be emailed to you.

Advance notice! The CCS Bazaar is set for Saturday, November 25! Plans are already in the works to make this a terrific day of fun and fellowship.